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METHOD FOR DIFFERENTIATING IRRITABLE BOWEL

SYNDROME FROM INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE (IBD) AND FOR MONITORING PERSONS WITH IBD USING TOTAL

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VIA EFS

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2006, please consider the remarks and amendments for the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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